

State Sick Pay In Torrance For June Is \$27,000

Sick pay benefits from the State of California amounting to \$27,000 were distributed during June to residents of the Torrance area who were unemployed because of sickness or injury, V. L. Hetzel, manager of the State Department of Employment's disability insurance office in Long Beach reported today.

The district office in Long Beach, which serves all of Orange County and that portion of Los Angeles County south of Slauson avenue, paid out a total of \$200,000 last month.

"Disability insurance payments are made to individuals who suffer wage loss because of non-occupational sickness or injury," Hetzel said. "These payments are made from the state disability fund, which is a fund financed entirely by taxes paid by employees on their wages. Every employee whose job is subject to the state unemployment insurance act is protected under the disability insurance system, and is potentially eligible for benefits up to \$20 a week if he becomes temporarily or permanently unemployed because of illness or injury."

Mr. Hetzel pointed out that failure to file claims within the specified time limit has resulted in loss of benefits by some workers.

"First claims for disability insurance benefits must be filed before the twenty-first day of sickness which causes the unemployment," he declared. "Employees who wait until they return to work before filing claims may find they have lost one or more weeks of benefit payments because of this delay."

Information and application blanks may be secured from any office of the California Department of Employment, or by writing to P. O. Box 469, Long Beach.

NEBRASKA STATE PICNIC JULY 12 IN LONG BEACH

The summer Nebraska State Picnic will be held in Bixby Park, Long Beach, on Saturday July 12. Lunches and cold drinks will be available. Free coffee will be given to those who have a Nebraska badge.

Work of Family Service Told By Welfare Head

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The Torrance office of the Family Service of Los Angeles area, is one of 11 district offices established by that agency to bring its services within the reach of families living in Torrance, Gardena and Lomita. The district office is located in the Welfare Center, 1339 Post ave., Torrance, where the services of the full-time caseworker, Mrs. June Daniel, are available.

As its name indicates, the Family Service has as its goal the conservation and strengthening of normal family life. To the family in difficulty, the agency offers an individualized and confidential service by a staff, trained and experienced in helping people. The discussion of problems with an understanding person, apart from the immediate situation, brings a new perspective and points the way to an effective solution. Counseling with a distraught parent may bring increased understanding so that he may better deal with a youngster who is out of hand.

Practical help in budgeting, household management or debt adjustment may be the answer to the family's economic problems. The agency also assists families to use the community resources for the diagnosis of physical and mental ills and helps them to carry the necessary treatment plans.

The families using the service represent persons of all ages and economic levels. The service which is supported through the Community Chest is available to all persons living in this area.

The nominating committee of this body composed of James G. Caldwell, chairman, and Rev. Ben Lingenfelter, Judge John Shidler, Mrs. Dorothy H. Jamison and Mrs. E. G. Spratt, met recently to nominate new officers and members. Caldwell's report will be considered at the September meeting of the Advisory committee.

LEMON JUICE
Sweetened lemon juice retains its flavor and does not curdle in freezing storage, as does the unsweetened juice, University of California studies have shown.

Housing And Rent Act Regulations Are Explained In Full By Agency

New regulations resulting from the Housing and Rent Act of 1947 issued by Housing Expediter Frank R. Creedon today were explained by W. Conrad McFolvels, assistant Regional housing expediter.

The new regulations cover veterans' preference and controls on amusement and recreation construction.

In addition, the new act continues home loan insurance for veterans under the Federal Housing Administration and extends it to manufacturers of prefabricated housing.

Details of the two regulations issued today—on veterans preference and amusement and recreation construction—follow:

Veterans Preference
The new regulation applies to houses or apartments completed after the signing of the act by the President.

The former regulations continue to apply to houses or apartments completed prior to the final enactment of the new measure. In general, the new veterans preference regulation follows the previous regulations. It provides:

1—That a veteran or his family has prior right for a 30 day period to purchase or rent any dwelling unit completed after June 30, 1947 and before March 31, 1948.

2—That such a dwelling unit may not be offered to a non-veteran for less than it was publicly offered for sale for at least seven days to a veteran or his family. The 7-day period may be the last 7 days of the 30-day veterans preference period or any 7-day period thereafter.

The new veterans preference period of 30 days for sale or rent follows the wording of the Housing and Rent act and differs from the previous regulation which provided 60 days for sale and 30 days for rent.

The new regulation also provides steps that the builder or owner of dwelling units must take to make certain that the units are offered in good faith to veterans during the periods of veterans preference. They are:

1—A placard or sign must be posted in front of the dwelling or in a conspicuous location on the building site. It must contain the rent or sales price of the unit, the fact that it is offered for sale or rent exclusively to veterans during the 30-day period, and the name and address of the person authorized to sell or rent the unit. This provision is similar to the previous regulation.

2—Unless already sold or rented to veterans, the dwellings must be publicly advertised for sale or rent exclusively to veterans or their families, on at least 3 days during the first 20 days of the 30-day period. The advertisement must be carried in a newspaper of general circulation in the community where the housing accommodations are located. The advertisement must contain the same information as is required for the postal placard or sign.

The veterans preference requirements do not apply to the sale of housing units solely for investment purposes, but the purchaser is required to comply with veterans preference in the rental or sale of the units.

The only other exceptions to the veterans preference requirements are disaster cases, judicial sales and for occupancy by building service employees (as in an apartment building).

Construction Limitations
Construction permits must be obtained by all persons planning to build any type of structures, whether public or private, to be used for amusement, recreation or entertainment purposes. Controls over all other types of construction are abolished under the new act.

All applications for amusement, recreation or entertainment projects will be sent directly to Washington, where they will be acted upon by the Non-Residential Construction branch, Office of the Housing Expediter.

OHE's field construction offices are being discontinued, but application blanks (Forms OHE 14-171) will be available in these offices until approximately July 31, and will also be available in the 600 OHE Area Rent Offices throughout the country.

The new construction limitation regulation (CLR) replaces VHP-1, which had been in effect since March 26, 1946. VHP-1 was revoked simultaneously with the issuance of the construction limitation regulation, except that any VHP-1 authorizations already issued for work covered by the new regulation remain in full force and effect.

This means that anyone already authorized under VHP-1 to do work on a recreational or amusement project may continue the work, and also means that he is still bound by the restrictions of the VHP-1 authorization. Revocation of VHP-1 does not affect any compliance action for past violations of VHP-1.

Enforcement of the construction permit regulation, as well as the 30-day veterans prefer-

ence in the purchase or renting of homes, will be under the direction of the OHE Compliance Division which will continue to maintain regional offices and inspectors in all sections of the country.

Approval of applications under CLR will be on the basis of negligible impact on the housing program, essential community facilities, necessary maintenance and repair, or severe and unusual hardship.

A project will be considered as having negligible impact if it uses none or only small quantities of building materials still in tight supply. Examples of materials still in short supply are cast-iron pressure pipe and fittings, cast-iron soil pipe, electrical service equipment and wiring devices, galvanized steel sheet, gypsum board and lath, hardwood flooring, millwork, nails, construction grades of plywood, steel and wrought-iron

pipe, and water closets and coasters and similar devices, shooting galleries, skating rinks, seasonal camps used primarily for amusement or recreation, slot machine establishments, stadiums, swimming pools, table tennis establishments, taverns, theaters and any other buildings used in connection with an amusement or recreational project.

The regulation includes a list of the type of buildings and other structures which will require permits if they are used for or in connection with any of the following purposes: amphitheaters, amusement arcades, amusement piers, amusement parks, arenas, assembly halls used primarily for amusement or recreation purposes, athletic field houses, band stands, bars, bath houses for swimming, baseball parks, billiard and pool parlors, bleachers, boardwalks, boat clubs, bowling alleys, cabanas, carnivals, cocktailing lounges, country clubs, community recreation buildings, dance halls, gambling establishments, grandstands, gymnasiums, golf clubs and golf courses, golf driving ranges, music shells, night clubs, race tracks of all kinds, recreational clubs of all kinds, riding academies, rodeos, roller

Walls and fences built principally of wood also will require permits if used in connection with amusement or recreational projects.

State and county fair buildings and structures for non-profit agricultural, livestock, or industrial exposition or exhibitions, are exempted under the new regulation. However, building for any commercially operated fair, exposition or exhibition will require permits.

Permits will not be necessary for drive-in theater screens unless they contain building space

within the structure, but other construction at drive-in theaters will come under the regulation. Restrictions will not apply to sidewalks, driveways, bridges, lighting systems and similar construction items even though they are to be used in connection with amusement, recreational or entertainment projects.

The installation of air conditioning equipment, bars, bowling alleys, furnaces, lighting equipment, marquees, panelling, ventilating equipment, plumbing and certain other types of equipment will be covered by the regulation providing they are nailed, screwed, bolted, connected or cemented to the building or installed on a base built for the particular item.

Installation of bookcases, booths, partitions and similar items is covered only if they are attached as a part of a structure in such a way that they cannot be removed without damage.

The small job exemption of VHP-1 is retained under the new regulation in a modified form.

SUPERVISORS BUY NEW BUILDING FOR ROAD DEPT.

County supervisors have ordered purchase of the Higgins building, a 10-story structure at Second and Main streets, to house the County Road, Surveying, Flood Control and Mechanical departments. The building, constructed in 1910, will cost the county \$950,000. Purchase of the building was previously recommended by County Manager Wayne R. Allen. The county, however, will not be able to take possession until June, 1949, when leases with existing tenants terminate.

This provides that any amusement, recreational or entertainment project can be constructed without a permit if the cost is less than \$2,500.00. However, if the project involves the reconstruction of a residential structure, the exemption is only \$200.

TO OUR PATRONS

On July 17 of last year the Penney, Newberry, Woolworth and Kress companies jointly negotiated and jointly signed a contract with Retail Clerks union local 905, San Pedro, for the operation of their nine stores in Torrance, San Pedro and Wilmington.

The companies voluntarily discussed wage adjustments in February, 1947, and offered a 10 per cent increase to the employees of the stores. If at any time the union had accepted the 4-company offer, all employees would have received the increase immediately, retroactive to February 3. The union rejected the offer.

By calling a strike Wednesday afternoon, July 3, the union closed the stores.

The companies stand willing to negotiate at any time.

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